

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 1, 2000

H.R. 3520 White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic Rivers System Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 26, 2000

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3520 would cost the federal government \$150,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2001. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 3520 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 3250 would designate several segments of the White Clay Creek in Delaware and Pennsylvania as recreational or scenic rivers under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The bill also would direct the National Park Service to offer aid to the White Clay Creek Watershed Management Committee, in the form of technical or financial assistance, to help that entity implement a management plan for the newly designated river segments. Such aid could not exceed \$150,000 annually.

On April 11, 2000, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1849, similar legislation as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on April 5, 2000. The two bills are substantively the same, and the cost estimates are identical.

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